

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2595–2601, and S.J. Res. 57. **Page S5793**

Measures Reported:

S. 2169, to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–129) **Page S5793**

Measures Passed:

Rail Safety Week: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 322, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as Rail Safety Week in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of Rail Safety Week to reduce rail-related accidents, fatalities, and injuries, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5799**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–31) **Page S5790**

Barrett Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Pages S5779–84**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 314), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5784**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions on the nominations of Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Rachel P. Kovner, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York ripen at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the Barrett, Volk, Eskridge, Novak, and Kovner nominations be considered expired at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. **Page S5784**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Barrett nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. **Page S5799**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bruce Poliquin, of Maine, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

John Bobbitt, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2023.

Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sylvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Barbara Lagoa, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Robert J. Luck, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Sherri A. Lydon, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Scott H. Rash, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Cory T. Wilson, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2020, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, which was sent to the Senate on February 6, 2019.

Peter M. Vito, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of New York for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 13, 2019.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—314)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5799.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.